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Application No. 10/532,348

Amendments to the claims:

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of claims:

- 1 (currently amended): A method for determining the gastric emptying by orally administering a test substance and measuring its dwelling time in the stomach, characterized in that the increase of $^{13}\text{CO}_2$ in the exhaled respiratory air is determined before and after the oral administration of free ^{13}C -octanoic acid in a form bound to egg yolk together with a standardized test meal, wherein body-related conversion factors are dispensed with.
- 2 (currently amended): The method according to claim 1, characterized in that said test meal consists of a fried egg into which the free ^{13}C -octanoic acid is stirred, whereupon it said test meal is eaten together with a slice of toasting bread, 5 to 10 g of margarine or butter, followed by drinking 150 ml of water or coffee.